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# GENERAL PRACTICE LITERATURE

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## BOOKS RECEIVED

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**BEYOND ALL PAIN.** A companion for the suffering and bereaved, Cicely Saunders, SPCK, London, 1983. 88 pages. Price £1.50 (paperback).

**UNSHARED CARE.** Parents and their disabled children, Caroline Glendinning, Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, 1983. 256 pages. Price £6.95 (paperback).

**CLINICS IN IMMUNOLOGY AND ALLERGY.** Thymic hormones (Vol. 3 No. 1), Jean-François Bach (editor), Saunders, London, 1983. 203 pages. Price £11.75.

**CLINICS IN IMMUNOLOGY AND ALLERGY.** Immunological intervention in medicine (Vol. 3 No. 2), James F. Mowbray (editor), Saunders, London, 1983. 361 pages. Price £11.75.

**MALABSORPTION AND NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT,** M. H. Sleisenger (editor), Saunders, London, 1983. 613 pages. Price £11.75.

**PHOBIA: THE FACTS,** Donald W. Goodwin, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1983. 149 pages. Price £6.95.

**YOUR BODY, YOUR BABY, YOUR LIFE,** Angela Phillips, Pandora Press, London, 1983. 211 pages. Price £3.95 (paperback).

**HYPOTHERMIA the facts,** K. J. Collins, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1983. 136 pages. Price £6.95.

**CLINICS IN GASTROENTEROLOGY,** January: Biliary tract disorders (Vol. 12 No. 1). Meinhard Classen and Hans W. Schreiber (guest editors), Saunders, London, 1983. 322 pages. Price £11.75.

**A DICTIONARY OF EPIDEMIOLOGY,** John M. Last (editor), Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1983. 114 pages. Price £15.00 (hardback), £6.95 (paperback).

**LEARNING MEDICINE,** Peter Richards, British Medical Journal, London, 1983. 92 pages. Price £4.00 (paperback).

**THE PRACTICE OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY in Great Britain,** Andree Liddell (editor), Wileys, Chichester, 1983. 259 pages. Price £19.95.

**CARCINOMA OF THE BREAST. Diagnosis and treatment,** Carl J. D'Orsi and Richard E. Wilson (editors), Quest Publishing, Kent, 1983. 286 pages. Price \$38.50.

**SPORT AND MEDICINE.** Peter N. Sperry, Butterworth, Sevenoaks, 1983. 271 pages. Price £14.95.

**THE PSYCHOSOCIAL MATRIX OF PSYCHIATRY. Collected papers,** Michael Shepherd, Tavistock, London, 1983. 297 pages. Price £14.95.

**THE HISTORY OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF HEALTH VISITORS,** Norma Batley, English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, London, 1983. 106 pages. Price £3.00 (paperback).

**LEARNING TO CARE.** Christian reflection on pastoral practice, Derek Blows (general editor), SPCK, London, 1983. 117 pages. Price £3.95 (paperback).

**MARITAL TENSIONS.** Clinical studies towards a psychological theory of interaction, Henry V. Dicks, Routledge and Kegan Paul, London, 1983. 354 pages. Price £5.95 (paperback).

**THE COMPLETE BOOK OF LOVE AND SEX. A guide for all the family,** Philip Cauthery, Andrew Stanway and Penny Stanway, Century Publishing, London, 1983. 448 pages. Price £11.95.

**IMMUNOLOGY FOR THE PRACTISING PHYSICIAN,** Russell W. Steele, Prentice/Hall International, Hemel Hempstead, 1983. 284 pages. Price £20.25.

**A HANDBOOK ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE. The biomedical aspects (2nd edition),** Frederick C. Hofmann, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1983. 329 pages. Price £10.00 (paperback).

**EVALUATION OF HEALTH CARE,** Walter W. Holland (editor), Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1983. 289 pages. Price £25.00.

**RADIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION IN RHEUMATOLOGY,** D. Forrester and J. C. Brown (guest editors), Saunders, London, 1983. 488 pages. Price £11.75.

**MODERN DRUG TREATMENT IN TUBERCULOSIS (6th edition),** Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, London, 1983. 123 pages. Price £3.00 (paperback).

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### THE LETTERS OF WILLIAM HOME CLIFT 1803-1832

Frances Austin (editor)

Meldon House  
Dorset (1983)

115 pages. Price £4.95 (paperback)

William Clift was John Hunter's last apprentice and became the first conservator of the Hunterian Museum at the Royal College of Surgeons of London. His son, William Home Clift, became the assistant conservator and would have succeeded his father, but for his early death from injuries sustained in a coach accident at the age of 29 years.

Between 1813 and 1832, William Home Clift wrote numerous letters, illustrated with pencil drawings, to various members of his family. These family letters have recently come to light and are published here for the first time with excellent explanatory notes.

The Clifts were a happy and united family and the letters reflect this in their generally ebullient tone, full of gossip about the famous in the world of medicine. Many of the letters are written in a slightly breathless manner reminiscent of Alfred Jingle in *Pickwick Papers*. Their liveliness is both infectious and rather exhausting, but for those with an interest in medical history during this period there are many small but new shafts of light on medical men and medical practice as well as comments on the social life of the period.

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### A WORKBOOK FOR TRAINEES IN GENERAL PRACTICE

Paul Freeling

Wright PSG  
Bristol (1983)

148 pages. Price £7.50

At last, a book for trainees about how to get the best from their trainers and their trainee year. The book is divided into suggestions for tutorials. These cover a broad sweep from analysis of the practice and the professionals who work there, through the theories of the consultation and illness, to helpful hints about contracts, critical reading of journal and useful places to visit.

The book will be helpful for those entering the MRCP examination, but may be most relevant to those trainees who feel isolated in the less academic training practices.

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